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## CHICKENS & EGGS

**Maryland:** Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.82 billion eggs during August 2003, down one percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during August, at 310 million, was down 2 percent from a year ago.

**United States:** egg production totaled 7.31 billion during August 2003, down one percent from last year. Production included 6.24 billion table eggs and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 60.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2003 averaged 332 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,201 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2002.

Egg-type chicks hatched during August totaled 33.2 million, down 7 percent from August 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 31.8 million on September 1, 2003, down 4 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 184,000 during August 2003, down 17 percent from August 2002.

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Eggs and Layers: August 2002 and 2003

| Item                                 | 2002            | 2003    | 2003/2002      |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|
| Eggs Produced During August          | <i>Million</i>  |         | <i>Percent</i> |
| U.S.                                 | 7,356           | 7,308   | 99             |
| Maryland                             | 75              | 58      | 77             |
| Layers, Average Number During August | <i>Thousand</i> |         |                |
| U.S.                                 | 336,159         | 322,003 | 99             |
| Maryland                             | 3,098           | 2,720   | 88             |
| Eggs / 100 Layers During August      | <i>Number</i>   |         |                |
| U.S.                                 | 2,188           | 2,201   | 101            |
| Maryland                             | 2,913           | 2,556   | 113            |

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## AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Maryland wheat and corn prices declined in September, while barley and soybean prices are up. Wheat is down \$0.03 per bushel from August, and corn prices are down by \$0.31 per bushel. Soybean prices are up \$0.34 per acre and Barley prices are up slightly by \$.01 per acre.

Cattle and hog prices were both higher than last month and a year ago. Cattle prices rose \$5.50 per hundredweight from July, and hogs were up \$2.60. Broiler prices are down, while chicken prices remained unchanged.

**Prices Received, Maryland, Delaware & United States, August & September 2003**

| Commodity       | Unit | Maryland and Delaware |             |              | United States |             |              |                 |
|-----------------|------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
|                 |      | Sept<br>2002          | Aug<br>2003 | Sept<br>2003 | Sept<br>2002  | Aug<br>2003 | Sept<br>2003 | Parity<br>Price |
| Dollars         |      |                       |             |              |               |             |              |                 |
| Wheat, Winter   | BU   | 3.54                  | 3.15        | 3.12         | 2.81          | 3.63        | 4.00         | 9.62            |
| Corn            | BU   | 2.95                  | 2.64        | 2.47         | 1.91          | 2.38        | 2.56         | 6.51            |
| Barley          | BU   | 1.42                  | 1.70        | 1.71         | 2.24          | 2.70        | 2.49         | 6.39            |
| Soybeans        | BU   | 5.59                  | 5.64        | 5.86         | 4.53          | 5.53        | 5.54         | 14.30           |
| All Hay, Baled  | TON  | 151.00                | 153.00      | 149.00       | 99.00         | 93.70       | 95.50        | -----           |
| All Beef Cattle | CWT  | 61.60                 | 78.40       | 83.90        | 69.00         | 64.30       | 64.60        | 159.00          |
| Calves          | CWT  | 83.20                 | 83.90       | 88.50        | 107.00        | 94.40       | 93.00        | 211.00          |
| Hogs            | CWT  | 22.90                 | 42.00       | 42.60        | 45.20         | 31.90       | 26.50        | 103.00          |
| Chickens        | LB   | 0.087                 | 0.082       | .086         | -----         | -----       | -----        | -----           |
| Broilers        | LB   | 0.400                 | 0.305       | .322         | 0.430         | 0.290       | 0.300        | -----           |
| Turkeys, Live   | LB   | -----                 | -----       | -----        | 0.405         | 0.379       | 0.369        | 0.967           |
| Eggs, Market    | DOZ  | 0.450                 | 0.695       | .726         | 0.377         | 0.439       | 0.390        | 1.55            |

**Index of Prices Received, United States, August 2003, with Comparisons**

| Index and Ratios       | September 2002 | August 2003 | September 2003 |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| <i>1990-92=100</i>     |                |             |                |
| All Farm Products      | 98             | *109        | 109            |
| All Crops              | 109            | *113        | 110            |
| Food Grains            | 129            | *108        | 106            |
| Feed Grains & Hay      | 112            | *102        | 98             |
| Oil- Bearing Crops     | 88             | *101        | 96             |
| Fruits & Nuts          | 125            | 120         | 119            |
| Livestock and Products | 85             | *106        | 108            |
| Meat Animals           | 81             | *104        | 107            |
| Dairy Products         | 89             | *101        | 107            |
| Poultry and Eggs       | 92             | *112        | 112            |
| Ratio <sup>1</sup>     | 125            | 127         | 128            |
| Prices Paid Index      |                |             |                |

\*Revised

<sup>1</sup> Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

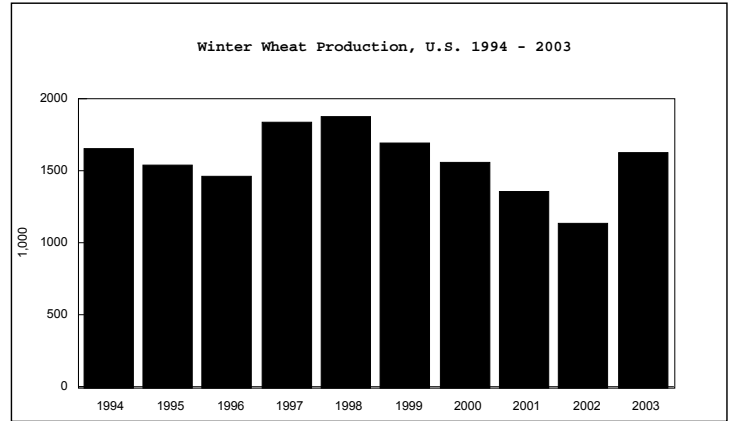
## SMALL GRAINS

**This Small Grains Report is the results of the September Agricultural Survey. We wish to thank the approximately 500 farmers who helped to make this report possible.**

**Maryland:** Final figures are now in for Maryland small grain production and the numbers reflect the poor growing season. Wheat yields fell 44 percent from a year ago and barley yields were down 30 percent from 2002. Of the 45,000 acres planted to **barley** last fall, 38,000 were harvested for grain. The remaining acreage was harvested for silage or other uses, or abandoned. Statewide, farmers reported an average yield of 57 bushels per acre, as compared with an average of 82 bushels per acre in 2002, and a five-year average of 77 bushels per acre. This is the lowest recorded yield since 1989, when farmers harvested 50 bushels per acre of barley. Total production was 2.2 million bushels for 2003.

**Wheat** production dropped to 5.4 million bushels in 2003, less than half of the 11.9 million bushels produced in 2002. Of the 165,000 acres planted to wheat, 145,000 were harvested for grain. Much of the remaining acreage was planted as a cover crop, however some acres were left unharvested. Farmers reported an average yield of 37 bushels per acre for wheat, down from 66 bushels per acre in 2002 and a five-year average of 60 bushels per acre. This is the lowest average yield since 1978-79, when farmers also harvested 37 bushels per acre of wheat.

The drop in small grain production is a result of the weather conditions experienced during the growing season. A delayed soybean harvest last fall meant that small grains were planted late. The crop was exposed to a very wet and cold winter, resulting in bare areas in fields where water ponded, and areas where plants were stunted or lodged. The wet, cold spring delayed harvest of



small grains several weeks. Yields were down in many areas and some fields were left unharvested.

**United States:** Barley production is estimated at 276 million bushels, down 2 percent from the last forecast but up 22 percent from last year. Average yield per acre, at 58.9 bushels, is up 1.4 bushels from the last forecast and 4.0 bushels above 2002. The area harvested for grain is estimated at 4.69 million acres, down 4 percent from August but 14 percent above a year ago. The harvested area is down from August due mostly to hot dry weather in Montana where farmers were diverting some barley from grain to hay.

All wheat production totaled 2.34 billion bushels in 2003, up 2 percent from the last forecast and 44 percent above 2002. Grain area is 52.8 million acres, up 15 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is 44.2 bushels per acre, up 8.9 bushels from a year ago. Levels of production and change from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.71 billion bushels, up 49 percent; other spring wheat, 533 million bushels, up 35 percent; and Durum wheat, 96.6 million bushels, up 22 percent.

**Acreage, Yield, And Production, Maryland and United States 2002- 2003**

| Commodity     | Unit | Planted     |        | Harvested |        | Average Yield |      | Production |       |
|---------------|------|-------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------------|------|------------|-------|
|               |      | 2002        | 2003   | 2002      | 2003   | 2002          | 2003 | 2002       | 2003  |
| Maryland      |      | 1,000 Acres |        |           |        |               |      | 1,000      |       |
| Winter Wheat  | BU   | 195         | 165    | 180       | 145    | 66            | 37   | 11,880     | 5,365 |
| Barley        | BU   | 45          | 45     | 41        | 38     | 82            | 57   | 3,362      | 2,165 |
| United States |      |             |        |           |        |               |      | 1,000,000  |       |
| Winter Wheat  | BU   | 41,845      | 44,945 | 29,751    | 36,541 | 39            | 47.0 | 1,146      | 1,707 |
| Barley        | BU   | 5,071       | 5,299  | 4,129     | 4,688  | 55            | 59.0 | 227        | 276   |

## HOGS AND PIGS

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2003, was 59.6 million head. This was 2 percent below September 1, 2002, but 2 percent above June 1, 2003. Breeding inventory, at 5.88 million head, was down 3 percent from September 1, 2002, and 1 percent below last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 53.7 million head, was 2 percent below last year, but 2 percent above last quarter.

### NUMBER OF SOWS, PIG CROP, AND PIGS PER LITTER, UNITED STATES, 2001-2003

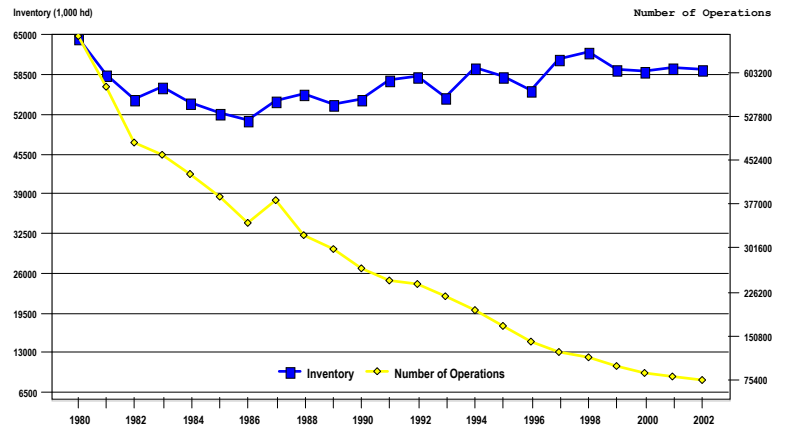
| Item                   | 2001              | 2002   | 2003           | 2003/2002 |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------|----------------|-----------|
|                        | <i>1,000 Head</i> |        | <i>Percent</i> |           |
| <b>Sows Farrowing</b>  |                   |        |                |           |
| Dec-May <sup>2</sup>   | 5,619             | 5,779  | 5,589          | 97        |
| Jun-Nov <sup>3</sup>   | 5,767             | 5,704  | 5,628          | 99        |
| <b>Pig Crop</b>        |                   |        |                |           |
| Dec-May <sup>2</sup>   | 49,472            | 50,752 | 49,42          | 97        |
| Jun-Nov                | 51,031            | 50,592 | ----           | ----      |
| <b>Pigs Per Litter</b> |                   |        |                |           |
| Dec-May <sup>2</sup>   | 8.81              | 8.78   | 8.84           | 101       |
| Jun-Nov                | 8.85              | 8.87   | ----           | ----      |

<sup>1</sup> May not add due to rounding

<sup>2</sup> December preceeding year

<sup>3</sup> Actual farrowing for June-August plus intentions for Sept-Nov

December 1 Hog Inventory and Number of Hog Operations  
United States, 1980-2002



### HOGS AND PIGS, INVENTORY BY CLASS, UNITED STATES, SEPTEMBER 1, 2001-2003

| Item          | 2001              | 2002   | 2003           | 2003/2002 |
|---------------|-------------------|--------|----------------|-----------|
|               | <i>1,000 Head</i> |        | <i>Percent</i> |           |
| All Hogs/Pigs | 57,524            | 59,248 | 58,187         | 98        |
| Breeding      | 6,232             | 6,236  | 5,956          | 96        |
| Market        | 51,292            | 52,011 | 52,231         | 99        |

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